THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have had enough points of order. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, the Minister has said that he has no particular bias against ladies. That is good. But I hope he has no bias altogether.

SHRI S. W .DHABE: Madam, I have got a different point of order. Now the Bill is being referred to a Joint Committee. We have moved amendments to the Bill. They should also be referred to the Joint Committee.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do join in the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Bill to provide for the appointment of a Lokpal to enquire into allegations of corruption against Union Ministers and for matters connected therewith and resolves that the following fifteen Members of the Rajya Sabha:

1. Shri P. Shiv Shankar
2. Shri H. R. Bhardwaj
3. Shri N. K. P. Salve
4. Shri Sultan Singh
5. Shri Anand Sharma
6. Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare
7. Shri P. N. Sukul
8. Shri Baharul Islam
9. Shri Darbara Singh
10. Shri Lal K. Advani
11. Shri Virendra Verma
12. Shri Parvathaneni Upendra
13. Shri Dipen Ghosh
14. Shri R. Mohanarangam and
15. Shri Murasoli Maran

be nominated to serve on the said Joint Committee".

The motion was adopted.

SHRI S. W. DHABE. Madam, what ruling have you given to my point of order?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: They will be referred. Your amendments will be referred to this Joint Select Committee. Now, we take up the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Bill, 1985. Shri Janardhan Poojari.

RE. DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1985

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Madam,.....

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Madam, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Well, is this a walk-out on the Narcotics Bill or what?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Under the influence of narcotics? One does not know. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please don't disturb.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Madam Deputy Chairman, this morning our Chairman very kindly reminded us of what is customary in the House Now my point of order relates to what is customary in terms of the business of the House. This Bill which is proposed to be moved for consideration was never discussed

in the Business Advisory Committee. It was not even hinted at that such a Bill might come before the House. My first question . . . (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would request Members to keep order in the House because there is a point of order.

SHRI NIMAL CHATTERJEE: They are all busy with internal matters. Madam . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't worry. I am listening.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): What is going on there?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He wants my ruling or the ruling of somebody else?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: I want your ruling before the House. Now it is customary that if there is any Government business which is to be taken up in the House, the Business Advisory Committee first admits it and allots a certain time for it. It has sometimes happened in the past that if a Bill had not been referred to the Business Advisory Committee and the Government felt some urgency about it, then the leaders of various political parties were contacted and then it was with their consent that it was brought before the House. In the case of this Bill none of the two things has happened. Now this is one stick of the wicket. The second stick of the wicket is that if this Bill is not that urgent and if this Bill is composed of 83 clauses—and we are all aware of the comments outside about the quality of parliamentary debates, rightly or wrongly—I am not on customs now; I am on duties and responsibilities—is it the duty and responsibility of the House and the Leader of the House to introduce a Bill and say it should be discussed right now, a Bill about which we come to know only in the morning, at 9 A.M., through newspapers and the papers sent to us? What will be the quality of such debate? Already the press abounds in comments about the quality of debates and proceedings in the House. Will it, therefore, be proper? The third stick of the wicket is that this Bill is being moved by one who is also the Leader of the House. Does it behove him to thus become an instrument in destroying the quality of the House? I, therefore, through you, Madam, raise this point of order and request the Leader of the House not to introduce the Bill and postpone it for the next Session.

SHRI S. W. DHABE (Maharashtra): I would like to support what he has said for the simple reason that it was decided in the Business Advisory Committee to drop the Supreme Court Judges Bill. It was listed and the Bill was to be discussed but when it was reached, it was dropped. Today this Bill was not discussed in the Business Advisory Committee. We have got a report of the Secretary General. At the fag end of the Session you are bringing it and asking us to discuss it and pass it. If you see the Bill it gives very wide powers to the Central Government. Any time they can issue a notification. Whenever any difficulty arises in giving effect the Central Government makes provisions. A wide power is given. It is very seldom that such powers are given under an Act. Under these circumstances I appeal to you that this Bill be dropped today and taken up at the next Session.

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I have a submission to make. It was decided at the Business Advisory Committee not to bring up during this Session this Bill as well as the Supreme Court Judges Bill. Because the Lok Pal Bill is not coming and the Government finds that it does not have enough

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business for the day, it is trying to rush through these Bills. It is not helping the Parliamentary practices and conventions. In fact, today the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has made an attempt to force through another Bill but the Leader of the Opposition has put forward his objection to it—that is, the National Airports Authority Bill. In the interests of healthy parliamentary democracy I appeal, through you, to the Leader of the House who is present here not to rush through Bills like this at least in future.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : उपसभापति महोदया, मेरा आपसे निवेदन है कि बिजनेस एडवाइजरी कमेटी में इस बिल की चर्चा नहीं थी और आज सब का मानस बना हुआ था कि लोकपाल बिल को चर्चा होगी। इस बिल का किसी ने अध्ययन भी नहीं किया है, माना यह अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण बिल है। इसके अलावा भी बिजनेस एडवाइजरी कमेटी में और कई बिल आपे थे, जिन्हें समयाभाव के कारण छोड़ दिया गया था। तो मेरा आप से निवेदन है कि बिजनेस एडवाइजरी कमेटी में न लाते हुए सीधे यहाँ लाना उचित परम्परा नहीं होगी। जबकि हम नयी परम्परामें डालने जा रहे हैं, डाल रहे हैं और जिसके कारण काफी हम लोगों को तकलीफ भी हो रही है। इसलिए मेरा आप के माध्यम से निवेदन है, सदन के नेता से निवेदन है कि इस पर विचार करके इसको अगले सत्र तक के लिए रोका जा सके, तो बहुत अच्छा होगा और उचित होगा। मेरा यही निवेदन है कि यह महत्वपूर्ण बिल आगे के लिए टाला जाए।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Actually today was fixed for discussing the Lok Pal Bill. Yesterday, before the evening, it was known to the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs that the Lok Pal Bill was going to be referred to a Joint Committee. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs had also come to know that certain new Bills were to be introduced and got passed today in Rajya Sabha. When these matters could not be referred to the Business Advisory Committee, as is the custom, the leaders of the Opposition as well as the ruling party could be contacted, consulted and this Bill could be circulated yesterday itself in the evening. Now, apart from what is in the Bill, what is to be debated and all, the way the ruling party or the Government is taking Parliament for granted, is objectionable. We are opposed to that. This is not the way things should be done. Today in the morning suddenly the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs tried to broach the issue in another meeting that another new Bill was to be brought and all that. This is not the way that Parliament should be treated by the ruling party. Because they bring the Bill, they drafted the Bill, they think let it be introduced, let it be passed, there is no harm, it need not be kept pending for the next Session. No, this attitude is not proper. Had the Lok Pal Bill come, these Bills would not have come today at all. Had the Lok Pal Bill come, these Bills would have had to be put off for the next Session.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (मध्य-प्रदेश) : उपसभापति जी, मैं दोहराना नहीं चाहता जो कुछ मेरे साथियों ने कहा है, लेकिन मैं सुझाव देना चाहता हूं। और मेरा सुझाव है कि अगले सत्र तक इसको टाल दिया जाए ? मैं एक आल्टरनेटिव और प्रस्तुत करता हूं और वह इस कारण भी कि यह एक महत्वपूर्ण विधेयक है, 83 धारायें इस में हैं और संसदीय कार्य मंत्री भी यहां बैठे हुए हैं, मैं समझता हूं कि इस को मानने में उन्हें कोई कठिनाई नहीं होनी चाहिए। अगर इस को भी लोक पाल विधेयक की भांति संयुक्त प्रवर समिति को सुपुर्द कर दिया जाय जो अगले सत्र तक अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दे तो

उसके बाद इस पर विचार हो सकता है । यह मेरा सुझाव है और मैं समझता हूं कि इस प्रकार के सभी विधेयक जो महत्वपूर्ण हैं उन पर केवल ब्यौरात्मक स्टेप ही नहीं बल्कि जन प्रतिनिधियों की भी छाप हो इस लिये इस को प्रवर समिति के सुपुर्द किया जाना चाहिए ।

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): I fully agree with the views expressed by Mr. Advani. This Bill was never discussed in the Business Advisory Committee nor was it known to the leaders of the Opposition. I fully agree with the views expressed by Mr. Advani and other Members and the Bill should be referred to a Joint Committee. I, therefore, oppose its introduction.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA (Haryana): I also support the views of the Members who have spoken on this point. When such important matters are to be discussed in the House, advance notice of the same must be given to Members and to the leaders of the parties so that they may come prepared to put forward their views properly, so that the debate can be at a higher pitch. What is the use of discussing a Bill about which we do not know anything, which we have not studied? Nobody has had time to consult. . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Everybody is making the same point. Let me give my ruling...

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Let me finish. I would request the Government, not only today, but in future also caution should be taken in such matters and nothing is going to happen if this Bill were put off for the next Session.

श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव (बिहार) : जो सदन की कार्य मंत्रणा समिति है उस कार्य मंत्रणा समिति में सरकार के जरिये जो काम का ब्यौरा दिया जाता है उस पर हम विचार करते हैं और बाद में सदन से उसको पास कराया जाता है । तो मेरा कहना यह है कि कार्य मंत्रणा समिति के जरिये जो प्रस्ताव आप ने इस सदन से पास कराया और हम लोगों के दिमाग में यह बात बिठा दी गयी है कि यह विधेयक आ रहे हैं जो लोकसभा द्वारा पारित हो रहे है और उन पर आप को विचार करना है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या कारण है कि कार्य मंत्रणा समिति ने जिन विधेयकों को सदन में लाने की बात रखी थी कि उन पर विचार किया जाएगा उन को तो वापस ले लिया गया और जिस विधेयक के बारे में कार्य मंत्रणा समिति में कोई विचार नहीं हुआ उस को ले आया गया । यह बात नहीं है कि जो विधेयक लाया गया है उसके महत्व और उपयोगिता से हम इन्कार नहीं कर सकते । जिस कारण आज समाज नष्ट हो रहा है और सरकार को चिन्ता थी कि ऐसी ड्रग्स के लिये कड़ी से कड़ी कार्यवाही की जाय जो समाज को नष्ट कर रही हैं उस के लिए सरकार को चिन्ता थी और मैं उस से सहमत हूं कि इस के लिये कार्यवाही होनी चाहिए लेकिन जहां तक अपने अधिकार और अपनी कार्य प्रणाली और परंपरा का संबंध है उसके साथ ही राज्य सभा की भी अपनी प्रक्रिया है, अपनी कार्य प्रणाली है और हम नहीं चाहते कि राज्य सभा की प्रक्रिया और कार्य प्रणाली में किसी प्रकार का व्यवधान हो और हमारे अधिकारों में किसी तरह की कटौती हो । इसलिये मैं इस प्रश्न को उठा रहा हूं और चाहता हूं कि जैसा कि आडवाणी जी ने कहा, कोई रास्ता निकाला जाय । अगर इस को प्रवर समिति को भेज दिया जाय तो कोई हर्ज नहीं होगा । इस में हार जीत का सवाल नहीं है विरोधी दल और सरकार में । यही मुझे कहना है ।

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN): Madam, I just wanted to amend that motion by deleting the

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name of Shri M. C. Bhandare and putting in the name of Shrimati Pratibha Singh.

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SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: No. The Motion has already been passed. (*Interruptions*). Let one of the Members from the ruling party resign and in that vacancy let another Member be taken. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let it be done.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: No. He is going to amend the Motion. It cannot be done. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: It cannot be done, Madam (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You cannot take Parliament for a ride. Have they gone out of their minds? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: No, it cannot be done. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: Madam, I thought the entire Opposition was chivalrous and took us to task for deleting the name of a lady Member. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Dipen Ghosh was not there. Now we have changed only one Member from the ruling party and put a lady Member from the ruling party (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh). Madam, we have no objection to the change. But it should be done properly. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: It shows that the chivalry for the ladies was not really there. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You are having lady Members. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: It is an after-thought. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: It cannot be done like this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: This is absolutely wrong. (*Interruptions*). It is absolutely wrong.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Madam. Deputy Chairman, let them just bear with me. (*Interruptions*). Just bear with me. (*Interruptions*). Advaniji, please listen to me. Madam, it is for the Rajya Sabha itself to decide; it is for you, Madam, to decide; the House has to decide this matter. What happened in the other House is this: (*Interruptions*). It is for this House to decide (*Interruptions*). Please listen to me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please let him finish. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I have my right to say what I want to say. In the other House yesterday, in the Lok Sabha, Madam, we had included by mistake one name, a Member of the Rajya Sabha and we put the Motion and then we put an Opposition Member, and that was allowed by the whole House. Instead of Shri H. R. Bhardwaj we put Mr. K. P. Unnikrishnan and his name was allowed in the House after making the Motion. We made the Motion.

I am only bringing it to the notice of the Members. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: Madam, the rule allows me to make a formal Motion for amendment. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: No. It cannot be done after it is passed. (*Interruptions*). Madam, Deputy Chairman, I object to this violation of the procedure. If it is by consen-

sus, it is all right. But not at this stage it can be done. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: Madam, let it go on record that the Opposition really did not want that a lady Member should come. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: No, no. It is not correct. (*Interruptions*).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: It is not so. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: We have no objection to the change. (*Interruptions*) But it should be done through a proper procedure. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You cannot take Parliament for a ride. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All of you, please take your seats. Let me make my submission. Now I understand your point. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Tamil Nadu): Madam, you have not heard me. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Madam, I have a submission to make.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Madam, you have not heard me. I want to make a submission.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: All right. Then I will sit down.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Madam, the Minister should not treat this House so lightly.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes, Yes.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Such a behaviour would not be seemly to the ruling party. (*Interruptions*). What he should have done is that he should have sought the permission of the House to reopen the issue and then it should have been reopened. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: I know how law goes in this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: He not only not sought the permission for reopening the issue . . .

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: I thought, Madam, that the matter was one of substance and not of technicalities. This matter was raised and the Opposition to the last Member was vociferous. (*Interruptions*) Somebody said, "Madam, you are a beautiful Deputy Chairman and there is a beautiful Parliamentary Affairs Minister.". (*Interruptions*)

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: No, not for steam rollering like this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, it is the failure of the ruling party.

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: No failure.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is the failure of the ruling party in meeting their Members and getting a consensus of their own. Now they are passing on the buck to the Opposition. (*Interruptions*) It was your failure. How is it that you could not get the consensus of the Members of your party and now you want to pass the buck to us? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: We don't stand up all together like this. I hope the Opposition will not do the same thing again. I am only speaking here and, Madam, I do not appreciate everybody rising from the Opposition. The point was a very simple one. (*Interruptions*) Shall we all rise in our seats and emulate Mr. Dipen Ghosh?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let each Member speak separately.

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: A point was raised that no lady Member has been included in the Select Committee. I have said that at the time we discussed the matter neither the leaders of the Opposition nor our responsible persons thought of includ-

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ing a lady Member. If we did, we possibly would have done so. Now, there was such a great uproar, and you were congratulated, you have appreciated and Mrs. Alva has appreciated. These two beautiful lady Members on our side... (*Interruptions*) One second. Please sit down. I am talking now. (*Interruptions*) I am not yielding. We also can all stand up together.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him make his point of view. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: What is this? If they do not have the patience . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him make his point. I gave you a chance to speak. Why should you disturb now?

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: You recall very clearly what happened. And the Opposition to the last man rose and stood up to champion the cause of ladies and when we . . . (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, it is not a question of championing the cause of women. It is a question of parliamentary procedure.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shall I give my ruling on this?

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): What is the procedural objection?

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: Madam, I am making a motion for amendment of that motion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Make a formal motion.

SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN: Yes, we shall. I shall give notice. The Chair will kindly fix the time at 2 o'clock. We shall move it. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Just a minute. I agree that the whole House has the consideration that no lady Member has been included. This is nothing between the Opposition and the ruling party. The question was that the whole House was conscious that a lady Member should have been included on such an important Bill. So there is no controversy about it. And now it was a mistake or it was a lapse or whatever it was. The Minister is going to make a formal motion at 2 o'clock and then we shall take it up. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Madam, I would straightforward take full responsibility—not the Law Minister or anybody else. I prepared this list. I would straightforward admit that it is my mistake that I did not propose a lady Member. I am sorry for it. Lady Members should be included. I want to say that it was my mistake, not of anybody else. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hope the Parliamentary Affairs Minister will in futhre take note of it.(*Interruptions*)

श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव : आप कृपया किताब निकालिये और रूल 72 देखिए ।

उपसभापति : एक बात बोलूं कि इतने रूल होते हैं, किताबें होती हैं लेकिन जहां तक महिला का सवाल है आप सब सहमत हैं । मैं यह कहना चाहूंगा कि आप रूल निकालकर महिलाओं को अप्रोच न करें ।

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: We have nothing against the Law Minister or anybody else. (*Interruptions*) The Government has now reached

very quickly. If they had gone about it and just consulted two or three leaders, we would have done it. But the manner in which they have done it, there is a feeling that... (*Interruptions*) Steam-rolling has upset us and we would not have got worked up on this issue. Now that the heat has gone, I would appeal even now to my senior colleagues here to see that this formality is over. I think we all agree on this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shrimati Kanak Mukherjee.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Madam, Deputy Chairman, I take serious objection to the remarks of the hon. Law Minister about the Opposition members being discourteous to the ladies. The opposition Members have shown proper respect to the ladies. The question is not of showing chivalry to the ladies or not. The question is of simple procedure which the opposition Members raised. It is not that they did not show any honour to the ladies. They raised only a question of procedure. The hon Law Minister passed some uncourteous remarks about the opposition Members. I take strong objection to it. I, being a lady, do appreciate the sentiments of the House that lady Members should have been included in this Committee. We in the opposition are so few in number. We discussed and discussed this thing. We had only one representative to be sent to the Select Committee. So, there was no scope for the opposition parties to send more than one person. That is why we could not include any lady Member who could give so much time and so much attention necessary for the working of the Select Committee. So, it was for the ruling party who had so many representatives in the Committee They should have taken not only one lady Member but more than one lady Member. They have many lady Members and even Ministers. It was their duty to send the ladies in the Committee. It was their mistake. It was their fault. It is not the fault of the Opposition. Please record my objection to the remarks which the hon. Law Minister passed about the leaders of theOppositition. Thank you.

श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव : माननीया, आप नियम 72 को देखिये । नियम 72(2) में लिखा है कि यदि कोई सदस्य प्रवर समिति में काम करने के लिये राजी न हो तो उसे उस समिति का सदस्य नियुक्त नहीं किया जाएगा । प्रस्तावक यह सुनिश्चित कर लेगा कि जिस सदस्य के नाम का प्रस्ताव वह करना चाहता है वह समिति में काम करने के लिए राजी है । इसके अतिरिक्त उप-धारा (3) में लिखा है कि प्रवर समिति में आकस्मिक रूप से रिक्त हुए स्थानों की पूर्ति राज्य सभा में किये गये एक प्रस्ताव द्वारा की जाएगी । इसलिए सरकार को इस झमेले में नहीं पड़ना चाहिए । जो सदस्य चुन लिये गये हैं उनको सरकार नहीं हटा सकती है । राज्य सभा ने जिनको चुन लिया है उनको सरकार नहीं हटा सकती है अगर कोई सदस्य इस्तीफा दे तो उसके बाद ही किसी दूसरे सदस्य को लिया जा सकता है । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : यादव जी, आप अपना स्थान ग्रहण कीजिए । मैंने आपकी बात सुन ली है श्री भंडारे विदड्रा कर रहे हैं । उनकी जगह पर किसी महिला को लिया जाएगा ।

श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव : वे पहले इस्तीफा दें ।

उपसभापति : विदड्रा और रेजिगनेशन में कोई फर्क नहीं है ।

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीया, जो रूल 72 यहां पर कोट किया गया है उसके संबंध में मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Bhandare will resign and a lady Member will be included. The matter is over now.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Rule 72 has been raised. How can you close the matter? You are the custodian of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am the custodian of the House and I am taking full responsibility.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: They raised a question of procedure and the Law Minister has finally stated that he would be moving a motion at 2.00 o'clock. That should put an end to the entire debate on the matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: According to Rule 72, a person will resign and the vacancy so created will be filled by a lady Member.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Mr. Bhandare is out of India. How can he resign?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is not for you to decide.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Let them make another Member resign. Mr. Bhandare is out of India.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: It is a very important matter. This thing has happened for the first time. Even the amendments were not referred to. I find from the report . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What are you talking about?

SHRI S. W. DHABE: I am talking about the Lokpal Bill. Rule 72 has been raised by him. I want to say on a point of order...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is over.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: How can it be over?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dhabe, you cannot go on discussing it. Please sit down. We will go back to the Narcotics Bill. We had enough discussion on the ladies and the inclusion and the rules and everything. Mr. Minister, would you like to make any statement about it?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Madam, Deputy Chairman, hon. Members and Leaders of the Opposition pointed out that the Narcotics Bill had not come up in the Business Advisory Committee and that thereafter there was no consultation with the leaders. In principle, I do agree with what they have said. Normally issues do come up in the Business Advisory Committee and there is consultation amongst us. I do endorse the principle of consultation whenever the things come up. But when the time is short, we do approach the Chair for permission and that permission has been given, and with that permission the Bill is brought today before the House. I would request the Leaders of the Opposition and the Members that this is a Bill on which in substance we would generally agree and there would be a large degree of agreement so far as the substance and the purpose are concerned. I do appreciate the time factor which the Members have pointed out for applying their minds. But, as it is an important issue, I will seek their co-operation in considering the Bill and giving their approval... *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him finish.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: We cannot apply our mind. How can we participate in the discussion? Do you want our non-cooperation.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: About your mind, we know its sharpness is great and it can grasp everything very quickly.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: I accept the compliment...

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: I only knew, Madam, that narcotics will have a sedative effect. I never knew that they will have such a stimulating effect on the House.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, ask the Leader of the House whether he wants the co-operation from the Opposition by their non-participation in the discussion.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Participation.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Then we must apply our mind.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: I have the fullest confidence in your competence to participate and contribute.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: We cannot contribute.

SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: In view of his appeal, I think, we will grant him that. And you provide us lunch today, it being the last day.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: We cannot participate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Poojari.

THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES BILL, 1985

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to narcotic drugs, to make stringent provisions for the control and regulation of operations relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and for matters connected therewith, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Madam, as the hon. Members are aware, the control over opium and other narcotic drugs, except cannabis, is at present exercised mainly through three Central enactments, *i.e.*, the Opium Act, 1857, the Opium Act, 1878, and the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1930. The control over cannabis group of drugs like charas, ganja, etc. is exercised through laws enacted by the State Governments. With the considerable increase in illicit drug traffic and drug abuse situation at the national and international levels over the years, many deficiencies in the existing laws have come to notice. Some of the important difficulties are, the lack of adequate provisions for implementation of international treaties relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to which India has become a party, particularly absence of provisions for effective control on psychotropic substances which are new drugs of abuse and the low levels of punishments.

Madam, as the hon. Members are aware, India has in recent years become vulnerable to trafficking in drugs as a transit country. India,